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Gail Nabasny, START Project Officer
Emergency Support Section
United States Environmental Protection Agency
77 West Jackson Boulevard - SE-5J
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Re: Quality Cleaners
Belleville, St. Clair County, Illinois
TDD: S05-9812-002
PAN: 8D0201RZXX

Dear Ms. Nabasny:

The Emergency Response Branch (ERB) of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) tasked the Ecology and Environment, Inc. (E & E), Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team (START), under Technical Direction Document (TDD) S05-9812-002, to assist U.S. EPA with emergency response actions relating to chemicals present at the Quality Cleaners site, located at 405 N. Illinois Street, Belleville, St. Clair County, Illinois. Site features include a block building and a parking lot in the rear, adjacent to the alley. Businesses are located adjacent to the site, and across Illinois Street to the east. Private residences are located west of the site directly across the alley.

On December 2, 1998, the U.S. EPA On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) Kevin Turner and START member Tracey Fitzgerald arrived at the site at 1000 hours. Illinois Environmental Protection Agency personnel Bruce Everett and Tom Miller met OSC Turner and START member Fitzgerald at the site. All entrances were either locked or boarded over; therefore, limiting the assessment of the site to the exterior of the building. Vandalism to the building was evident, with several broken windows on the south side and rear of the building.

Three 55-gallon drums were located outside the building, at the rear of the building. Two drums, labeled "360-Solvent", and one open drum containing oil and water, were present, in addition to two 15-gallon plastic drums. These two containers appeared to have oil, water, and a tar-like substance in each container. One five-gallon can was also observed, which appeared to contain roofing tar.

At 1200 hours, the group proceeded to the office of St. Clair County Assistant District Attorney Penni Livingston, in an attempt to determine the present and past owners of the facility in the county tax records. This information was forwarded to OSC Turner. All parties departed the area at 1400 hours.

This Letter Report serves as the final deliverable for this TDD. If any information is needed or if there are any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,



Tracey Fitzgerald
START Project Manager



Thomas A. Kouris
START Program Manager

cc: K. Turner, U.S. EPA OSC
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